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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Renee S. Luebke

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 August 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4-17,19 and 21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4-7 and 9-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 8,14-17,19 and 21 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. Claims 1, 4-17, 19 and 21 are objected to because:

- Contrary to the additions in claim 1, the tab does not extend from a “longitudinal side wall” of the opening. Although applicant discloses a number of embodiments, all comprise a tab extending from a front or rear wall of the opening (as supported by claims 4 and 5). It appears that “longitudinal side” should be deleted from line 7 of claim 1 and the claim has been examined with this in mind.

- On the last line of claim 1, it appears that -is- should be inserted after *member*.

- Claim 5 is the same as claim 4. It appears that this claim was improperly copied and/or amended from the previous version.

- Claim 18 was improperly copied from the earlier version. There are errors on lines 2, 5 and 19, at least.

- On line 12 of claim 21, it appears that -the electrical connector- should be inserted before *further*.

Appropriate corrections are required.

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

3. Claims 1, 4-7 and 9-13 are rejected under 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harasawa, et al. in view of Cairns '066. The connector of Harasawa comprises an insulative housing 40 defining a receiving space 50 and a first passageway for receiving a contact 10. The contact comprises a body 30; a resilient arm 20 with a contact portion 27 and an extension 29; a tab 37; and a tail portion 21. The similar contact of Cairns teaches that the tab preload or deflect the arm “when no electronic member is inserted” (as claimed) in order to improve the contact pressure (Cairns - column 3, lines 25-31). This improves

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the electrical connection. For this reason, it would have been obvious to form the tab of Harasawa to exert pressure on the arm as taught by Cairns.

4. Claims 8 and 14-17 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 19 and 21 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objections set forth in this Office action.

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new grounds of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

6. It is suggested that responses to this final action be faxed to:
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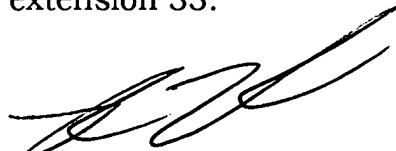
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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mrs. Renee Luebke at (571) 272-2009. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mrs. Paula Bradley, can be reached at (571) 272-2800, extension 33.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Luebke', written in a cursive style.

Renee S. Luebke
Primary Patent Examiner
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